

# COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENTS

## SUMMARY OF ALL SECTIONS

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

#### Objectives

4. Develop local entrepreneurial efforts for local businesses. Encourage and attract development that will expand tax base **specifically by utilizing the recommendations of the 2009 Life Sciences Feasibility and Shared Vision Study for Richmond/Wayne County specifically by:**

- Creating a shared vision for emerging technologies entrepreneurship
- Forming a leadership committee to provide strategic and over all strategy for a shared vision
- Leveraging the best use of existing assets
- Community leadership dedicating itself to strong collaboration
- Creating an entrepreneurial culture that takes roots and grows on its own
- Building a resource infrastructure that provides the tools entrepreneurs and the community need to succeed
- Creating a community dynamic that breeds more daring, entrepreneurial approaches undertaken by the community's leaders
- Executing a model that will allow the community to sustain this focus over the long term.

10. The Downtown will be the focus for specialty retail, entertainment, cultural facilities, and civic uses through a strategic district approach.

**ONGOING – A group is currently working on an Arts and Culture Council to help guide “creative industries” in downtown and throughout the city.**

14. Encourage and attract jobs related to Life Sciences, particularly for the area closest to I-70, US 27 and Reid Parkway. Develop incentives to entice local business to better serve the Life Science interests.

**ONGOING – The 2009 Life Sciences Feasibility and Shared Vision Study for Richmond/Wayne County was commissioned to assist with this objective.**

**15. Encourage the use of the Certified Technology Park (CTP) program to encourage and assist emerging technology entrepreneurial strategies and entrepreneurs in creating a permanent sustainable presence in Richmond.**

**NEW OBJECTIVE**

### CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT

**No Amendments-continuing with active projects related to Goals and Objectives Outlined in the Plan**

## **CITY IMAGE AND IDENTITY**

**No Amendments**-continuing with active projects related to Goals and Objectives Outlined in the Plan

## **COMMUNITY SERVICES**

**No Amendments**-continuing with active projects related to Goals and Objectives Outlined in the Plan

## **EDUCATION AND YOUTH SERVICES**

### **Issues and Findings**

**Update Indiana Department of Education statistics and charts**

### **Strategies and Recommendations**

#### **E D 10. Involve Students as Citizens in Local Government and Agency Programs**

The City is to continue to develop programs and opportunities for students to participate as citizens in “real-life” local issues and programs, including **the Mayor’s Youth Advisory Council, All-America City Programs and Marketing-2009**, City Council, historic preservation, transportation, neighborhood involvement, the elderly, plus community and social welfare.

#### **E D 13. Encourage and support programs made by the Wayne County Partnership for Youth**

Youth-serving agencies, educational institutions, governmental entities and individual citizens in Wayne County, Indiana, including representatives of our young people, have formed the Countywide Partnership for Youth (CPY) to pursue the vision. The methodology of the CPY is to determine the risk factors contributing to problem behaviors among our youth and to advocate for a purposeful and cohesive continuum of services and opportunities to reduce those risks. The CPY has prepared a plan based on this methodology which assumes that the efforts and resources of the partners will be focused on achieving the goals of the plan. The CPY will pursue other funding opportunities to address service gaps and to enhance current efforts by the partners. The partners meet together periodically to network and share results, concerns and opportunities.

#### **E D 14. Encourage and support programs made by Communities in Schools**

Communities In Schools of Wayne County, (CISWC) was created to coordinate collaborative planning and delivery of services in partnership with schools and existing community resources in 2001 as a result of the Community Alliance to Promote Education (CAPE) research project, funded by the Lilly Endowment and commissioned by the Wayne County (Community) Foundation that affirmed the following points:

- 1) Challenges facing schools cannot be solved by educators alone;
- 2) Family influence has a major impact on factors affecting learning;
- 3) Wayne County is resource rich with many human and social services, youth organizations, businesses, faith and civic organizations available; and
- 4) Individuals from various parts of the community are willing to help find a solution.

**E D 15. Develop an implementation strategy for the *Thrive in Five* Comprehensive Five-Year (See attached)**

**E D 16. Encourage and support the youth through involvement in programs for youth; such as KIDSFEST, Lemonade Day and the Richmond Celebrates KIDS! Parade.**

-KIDSFEST is a community building experience that communicates to children that they are our most valuable community resource. The future of our community is grounded in the success and future leadership of our children. Our goal is to provide "artful" activities for the children of our community - Together creating a Community of Hope.

- Lemonade Day is a citywide event designed to teach Greater Austin-area youth how to start, own and operate their own lemonade business. On Lemonade Day, thousands of budding entrepreneurs set up lemonade stands—providing an opportunity for businesses and families to partner together to train the next generation of entrepreneurs through a fun, family activity.

- The City of Richmond celebrates kids as our valued treasure. The Mayor honors our youth as our most valuable resource and the livelihood, creativity and future leadership of our community. This event represents a collective journey of hope and success for our youth.

## **PARKS AND RECREATION**

**No Amendments-continuing with active projects related to Goals and Objectives Outlined in the Plan**

## **TRANSPORTATION**

### **G. Improvements Planning and Scheduling**

Currently, the city's plan is to maintain the existing roadway facilities within the city, because the funds available for improvements are limited. There are a few major transportation projects scheduled for Richmond by 2014. Projects include state routes and city roads. Scheduled projects listed in the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program for fiscal years 2005-2007, and 2006-2008 (draft) include (also see Planned Transportation Improvement Projects Map):

- I-70 is scheduled by INDOT to add two additional travel lanes between S.R. 1 in Wayne County to the Ohio State Line (length of 19 miles) in 2010.
- Industries Road is extended east of Hwy 27 as Reid Parkway into the medical campus 2008. The road extended south internal to the development and connect to University Boulevard. The city recognizes the need to improve Industries Road from Williamsburg Pike west to Round Barn Road.
- Hwy 27 interchange is planned for the following projects:
  - Pavement replacement from the centerline of Catalpa to just north of N Highland Rd 2007; resurfacing from approximately one mile south of US 40 to just north of Whitewater River in 2005;
  - Median construction including signals, signs and lights from south of the interchange to North J Street; and
  - Road construction from approximately one mile north of I-70 to 1.21 miles north of I-70;
  - Including creation of a center turn lane and improved turning radii from North I Street to almost a mile north of I-70 between now and 2009;

- Right-of-way landscaping from north of I-70 to Industries Road; improvements to I-70/US 27 interchange including enhanced landscaping and unique retaining walls on I-70; and
- Resurfacing of remainder of US 27 south to City limits by 2011; installation of sidewalks on both sides of US 27 from I-70 south through the City.

- Hodgin Road is in the process of being reconstructed between Henley and South 37<sup>th</sup> Street. The city recognizes the need to improve Hodgin Road from South 37<sup>th</sup> Street to Industrial Parkway.

- Reconstructing Salisbury Road include widening from Industries Road to US 40 West. Sight improvement plans will include the railroad crossing and at Salisbury and NW L Streets. The bridge over Lick Creek is also to be replaced 2009.

- NW 5<sup>th</sup> Street is scheduled for a bridge replacement over the Norfolk and Southern Railroad 2009.

- US 35 will be expanded to include added travel lanes from the I-70 interchange to SR 38.

- US 40 (National Road) is planned for the following projects:

- In 2010, the section from SW 2<sup>nd</sup> Street to SW 17<sup>th</sup> will be reconstructed; including roadway improvements (curbs, sidewalks and road surface)

- Road reconstruction from the Indiana/Ohio State Line to approximately Garwood/Hayes Arboretum Road in 2014 for a middle lane to help move regional and local traffic and improve access to the I-70 interchange;

- Road rehabilitation from 3<sup>rd</sup> Street to 16<sup>th</sup> Street (one way pair) in 2012; and

- I-70 is planned for the following projects:

- Landscape improvements at the US 40 interchange;

- Interchange modifications (signals, signs and lights and two bridges) at the US 27 interchange 2007; and

- Roadway rehabilitation from US 27 to the Indiana/Ohio State Line 2006.

- South E Street rebuild from South 5<sup>th</sup> Street to Henley Road

- Rebuild or resurface Elks Road / Hayes Arboretum Rd / Gravel Pit Road

- Encourage and support development of National Road Heritage Trail

- Repair 3000 lineal feet of cracks; mill and resurface asphalt of South 37<sup>th</sup> Street from National Road East to Hodgin Rd. – 2009

- Mill and resurface asphalt in addition to installation of ADA ramps at intersections of South L Street from South 9<sup>th</sup> Street to Henley Road -2009

- Overlay asphalt of Salisbury Rd from Nolansfork Road to US 35 – 2009

- Mill and overlay asphalt of Industries Road from Williamsburg Pike to Union Pike – 2009

- Mill and overlay asphalt of Hub Etchison Parkway from Sim Hodgin Parkway to South G Street - 2009

- **Mill and overlay asphalt of Sim Hodgin Parkway from Hub Etchison Parkway to US 27 North – 2009**
- **Mill and overlay asphalt of SW and NW 5<sup>th</sup> Street from National Road West to Progress Drive - 2009**

**INDOT has also earmarked \$215,000 in fiscal year 2007 for navigation and wayfinding signage on various roads in the City of Richmond.**

## **GOVERNMENT**

### **Objectives**

1. Develop a mission statement for the Department of Metropolitan Development. Create an inter-departmental mission statement reflecting a commitment to well-managed development.

**ACCOMPLISHED – The Mission of the City of Richmond Department of Metropolitan Development is to encourage and assist planned growth, safe construction and quality of life improvements for the citizens of Richmond through innovation, partnerships and quality customer service based on the recommendations of the Richmond Comprehensive Plan and guidelines established in the Richmond Code and adopted building rules, codes and standards.**

6. Strengthen county-city review processes. Improve the coordination process between the city, county, and state governments, with businesses and the community.

**ACCOMPLISHED – All BZA and Plan Commission Cases are reviewed by a Technical Review Committee existing of City of Richmond Department Heads (Engineering, Sanitation, Fire, Police, Street) and County Officials.**

7. Encourage and develop mechanisms for coordination and cooperation among nearby units of government.

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### **Strategies and Recommendations**

#### **G O 9. Implement The Comprehensive Plan – Delegate Staff and Resources.**

The City is to evaluate and delegate staff as needed to implement the objectives and strategies of the comprehensive plan. Consideration is to be given for forming an Executive Committee of primary department heads affected by the plan, plan commission representatives, economic development interests, and education representatives to discuss the implementation of the plan.

**ACCOMPLISHED/ONGOING – The Planning Technician Position was created to oversee the implementation of the Comprehensive Plan. An Executive Committee and volunteers over see the implementation of the Comprehensive Plan.**

#### **G O 12. Seek to Maximize Public Involvement**

The City is to develop opportunities to involve the public in their government. The City can take advantage of its technological innovations, such as an interactive web site, while continuing to use its traditional methods of promoting public awareness about their local government.

**ACCOMPLISHED/ONGOING- The Department of Metropolitan Development notifies the public of public hearings for BZA and Plan Commission petitions in the following ways:**

- Required legal publication
- Posting of signs on the properties going before the BZA or Plan Commission notifying the public of date/time/place of public hearings
- Sending descriptions of projects going before the BZA or Plan Commission to WCTV for rotation on the Community Bulletin Board notifying the public of date/time/place of public hearings.
- Notifying elected officials, community leaders and interested citizens of public hearings and cases before the BZA and Plan Commission via email distribution list.

### **G O 13. Involve Students as Citizens in Local Government and Agency Programs**

The City is to continue to develop programs and opportunities for students to participate as citizens in “real-life” local issues and programs, including City Council, historic preservation, transportation, neighborhood involvement, the elderly, plus community and social welfare.

**ACCOMPLISHED – Mayor’s Youth Action Council re-established.**

### **G O 15. Examine the Need to Develop a Stand Alone Department to Support the Functioning of the City’s Communications and Information Technology**

The City is to explore and assess the need to develop and organize a new department to support the functioning and coordination of all internal communications, computer, and information technology. This department will be responsible for all functions, planning, funding, and computer related issues.

**ACCOMPLISHED**

## **SUSTAINABILITY AND CONSERVATION**

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## **HOUSING**

### **Strategies and Recommendations**

### **H B 13. Develop and support a Continuum of Care for supportive services for the homeless or at risk of being homeless**

Encourage development and coordination of services for the homeless population. A Continuum of Care is a local or regional system for helping people who are homeless or at imminent risk of homelessness by providing housing and services appropriate to the whole range of homeless needs in their community, from homeless prevention to emergency shelter and permanent housing.

## **LAND USE**

**No Amendments-continuing with active projects related to Goals and Objectives Outlined in the Plan**